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Origin and Expansion: In 1909 the Illinois legislature passed a law appointing a commission to "Investigate and report on the preservation of certain lands for public parks for the State of Illinois ...". In 1911, following the commission's recommendations, the Starved Rock site on the Illinois River in LaSalle County was purchased, thus initiating the Illinois state park system.

From 1911 to the present, three agencies of the state government have been assigned responsibility for acquisition and operation of state parks. The Illinois Park Commission functioned until the reorganization of the state government in 1917 under the Civil Administrative Code. The areas which the state then owned went under a Division of Parks and Memorials in the Department of Public Works and Buildings. Then in 1951 the Division of Parks and Memorials was transferred to the Department of Conservation, which now has jurisdiction over all state parks.

Expansion of the park system was very slow during the first fifteen years — only five parks and 476 acres were added between 1923 and 1926. Thereafter, expansion was accelerated until the present total of 200 sites with over 180,000 acres of land.

Methods of Acquisition: State parks of Illinois have been acquired by the state through purchases, gift, transfer and lease. A combination of gift and purchase adds a fifth method. These methods apply to acquisition of the initial tract or tracts of a park site and to additions to existing parks. State purchase is by far the most common method.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREAS

State Parks: There is a diversity of sites included in the park system. Some parks incorporate historical structures or sites of historically important events. Scenic parks contain landform, geologic or ecologic features of such unusual quality that preservation by the state was deemed desirable. Recreational parks need not contain outstanding scenic or historic attractions, but do afford opportunities for outdoor recreation in naturalistic surroundings. A number of these are centered on man-made lakes.

State Memorials: Usually state memorials are historical sites or structures, but tombs, archaeological sites and statues are also included. In some instances the type of historical feature and the size of the area make the memorial indistinguishable from a historical state park.

State memorials are comparatively small and since they are selected for the historical significance of the site or structure with natural surroundings a minor matter, they are commonly limited in outdoor recreation.



Conservation Areas: The term conservation area serves as a general term commonly, but not always, applicable to areas also called Game Refuge, Public Hunting Area or Public Fishing Area. Usually, hunting is allowed in a conservation area whereas in a state park hunting is only allowed when specific animals become overpopulated. The conservation areas are managed by the Division of Fisheries or the Division of Wildlife Resources and most of them have recreational facilities similar to the state parks.

State Forests: Managed by the Division of Forestry, the state forest system serves to preserve and protect the native tree species of Illinois. Using modern techniques in forestry management, the system is dedicated to the proper management of a forest environment. These techniques include experiments in growing various tree species, new methods of seed production, better pollination, simplified seed harvesting and also educating the public in good forestry practices.

Program Services: The interpretative-recreation section, initiated in 1970, has as its goal to educate and relate the people to their environment and natural resources through planned programmed activities. It is involved in portraying the cultural, historic and scientific aspects of the major parks to the degree where the public can easily understand and assimilate them. At the same time, it provides recreational and educational pursuits for the young, the aged and the handicapped.

A special effort is being made to make state areas more accessible to the physically handicapped.



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Lodges

Lodges, cabins and dining rooms are important features of Illinois Beach, Starved Rock, Pere Marquette; Giant City and White Pines Forest have cabins only and dining rooms. Reservations for lodging should be made with the lodge managers.

Swimming

Swimming is permitted at Illinois Beach (beach and pool) and Dixon Springs (pool). Swimming or wading is not allowed on any other site.

Camping

A camping permit must be obtained upon arrival at the site from the site manager or night watchman. Family camping is limited to 14 nights. During the winter, class "A" campgrounds may be shut down to class "B". Check with the individual site before your visit.

Most sites with camping facilities allow group camping. Camping is limited to 14 nights.

There are no advance reservations at any site. Check-out time is 3 p.m. Campers should bring their own firewood.

Refreshments

The various concessions are subject to change. Many are open only on weekends or only during the summer. Check with the individual site before your visit.

Museums

Many have limited visiting hours. Check with the site before your visit.

Fishing

For information regarding fishing, write: Department of Conservation, Division of Fisheries, State Office Building, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

Boat Rentals

Some are in operation only on weekends or only during the summer months. Check with the site before your visit.

Motors

On some areas motors are not allowed at various times of the year due to conflicting use such as refuge areas. Check with the site before your visit.

Hunting

Shooting times, dates, species and locations are subject to change. Check with the individual site before your visit.

Winter Sports

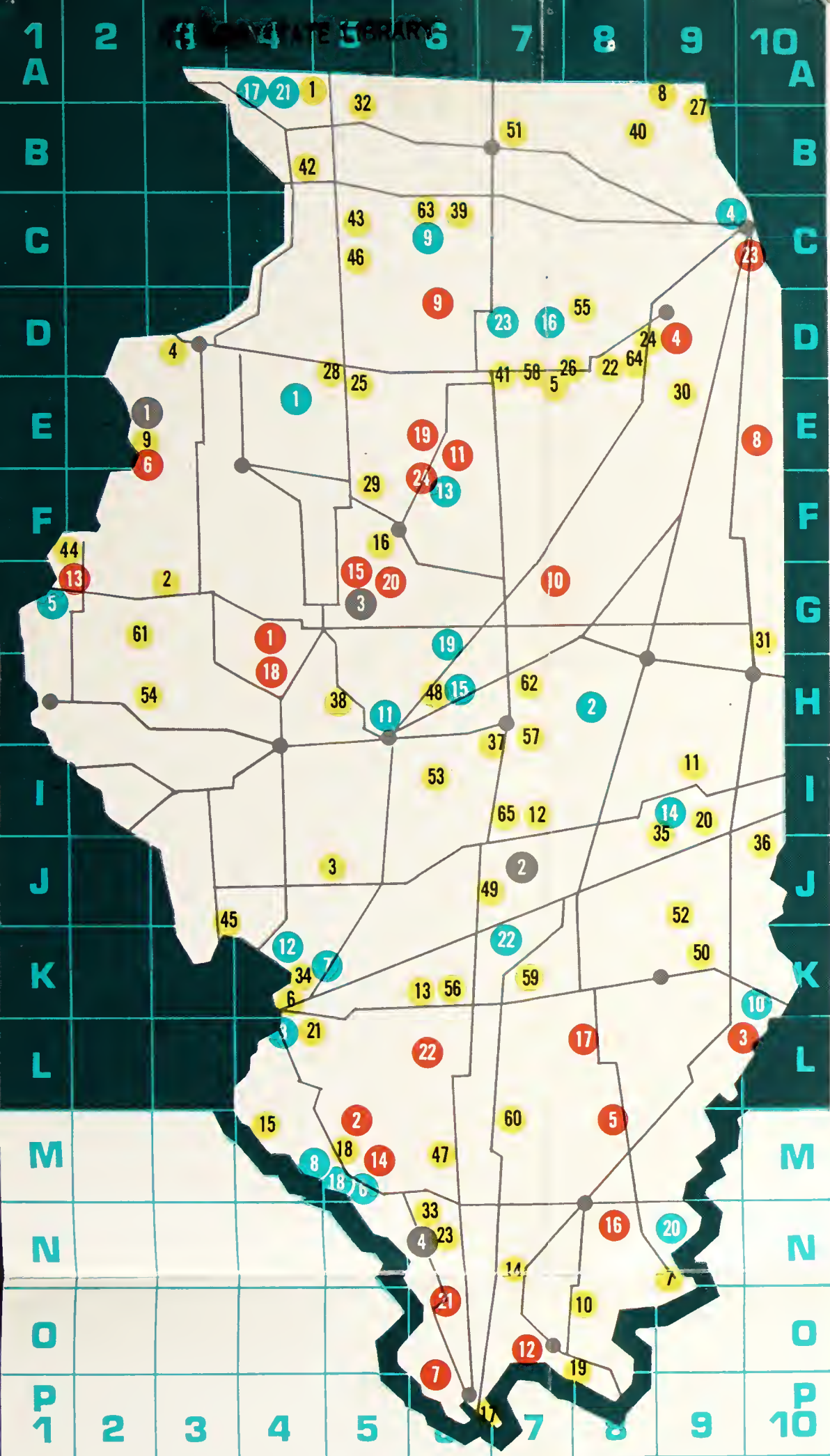
Contact the individual site for available winter sports (ice-skating, ice fishing, sledding, snowmobiling, etc.)

Groups of 25 or more persons will not be admitted to any site or group campground without advance permission from the site manager. At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.

All pets must be on a leash.

For further information write to Information/Education Section, Department of Conservation, State Office Building, Springfield, Illinois. 62706.





- 65 STATE PARK
- 23 HISTORICAL MEMORIAL
- 24 CONSERVATION AREA
- STATE FORESTS

Camping
A-\$3.00 per night
(showers, flush toilets,
sanitary dump station)
B-\$2.00 per night (having
vehicular access)
C-\$1.00 per night (tent
campers, primitive sites,
no vehicular access)
D-Group camping only
(10¢ per person-
minimum daily fee of
\$1.00 per group)

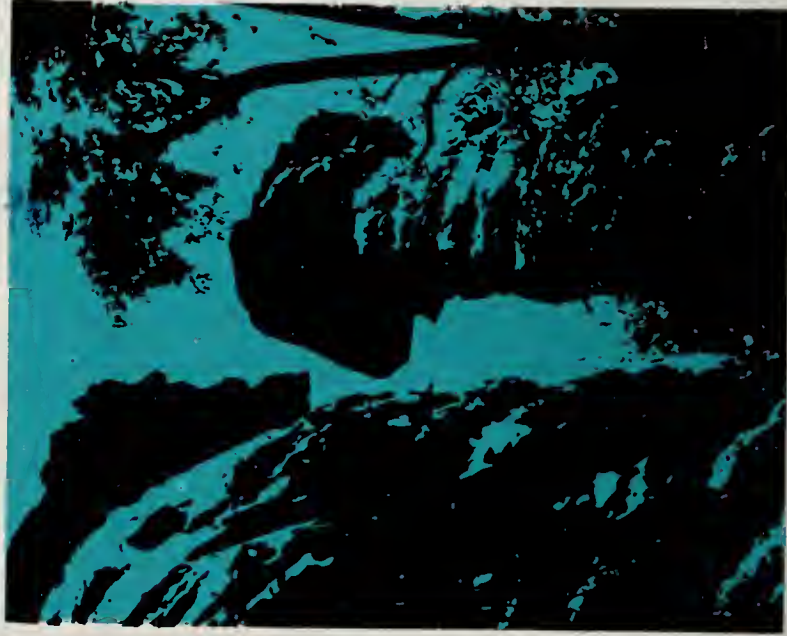
Motors
no-no motors allowed
E-electric trolling only
10-10 horsepower limit
•-unlimited
Facilities are subject to
change throughout the
year. For a more detailed
explanation, see the
section "For Your
Information..."

*Indicates historical structure present.

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A-4	1	Apple River Canyon	Apple River, 61001 ph: 815-745-3302	296	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
G-3	2	Argyle Lake	R.R. No. 2, Colchester, 62326 ph: 309-776-3422	1052	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J-5	3	Beaver Dam	R.R. No. 2, Box 128, Plainview, 62676, ph: 217-854-8020	737	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
D-3	4	Black Hawk	1500 - 47th Ave., Rock Island, 61201, ph: 309-788-9536	206	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
D-7	5	Buffalo Rock	R.R. No. 1, Ottawa, 61350 ph: 815-433-2220	43	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
K-4	6	Cahokia Mounds	7850 Collinsville Rd., E. St. Louis, 62201 ph: 618-344-5268	650	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
N-9	7	Cave-in-Rock	Cave-in-Rock, 62919 ph: 618-289-4325	64	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
A-9	8	Chain O'Lakes	725 E. St. Park Rd., Spring Grove, 60081 ph: 312-587-5512	4892	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
E-2	9	Delabar	Oquawka, 61469 ph: 309-867-3671	89	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
O-8	10	Dixon Springs	R.R. No. 1, Brownfield, 62911 ph: 618-949-3394	496	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
I-9	11	Douglas County	R.R. No. 2, Oakland, 61943 ph: 217-346-3336	464	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
I-7	12	Eagle Creek	103 W. So. 2nd St., Findlay, 62534, ph: 217-756-8260	2173	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
K-6	13	Eldon Hazlet	1351 Ridge St., Carlyle, 62231 ph: 618-594-3015	3000	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
N-7	14	Ferne Clyffe	Box 125, Goreville, 62939 ph: 618-995-2411	1073	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
M-4	15	Ft. de Chartres*	Prairie-Du-Rocher, 62277 ph: 618-284-2486	1100	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
F-5	16	Ft. Creve Coeur	Near Peoria	86	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
P-6	17	Ft. Defiance	Box 77, Miller City, 62962 ph: 618-776-5281	38	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
M-5	18	Ft. Kaskaskia	Ellis Grove, 62241 ph: 618-859-3741	250	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
O-8	19	Ft. Massac*	Box 708, Metropolis, 62960 ph: 618-524-4712	1380	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
I-9	20	Fox Ridge	R.R. No. 1, Charleston, 61920 ph: 217-345-6416	751	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
L-4	21	Frank Holten	4500 Pockett Rd., E. St. Louis 62205, ph: 618-874-7920	1125	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
D-8	22	Gebhard Woods	R.R. No. 3, Box 292, Morris, 60450 ph: 815-942-0796	30	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
N-6	23	Giant City	Makanda, 62958 ph: 618-457-4836	3100	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
D-8	24	Goose Lake Prairie	RFD No. 1, Morris, 60450 ph: 815-942-2899	2292	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
D-5	25	Hennepin Canal Parkway	Box 458, Sheffield, 61361 ph: 815-454-2328	5921	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
D-7	26	Illini	R.R. No. 1, Box 60, Marseilles, 61341 ph: 815-795-2448	510	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
A-9	27	Illinois Beach	Zion, 60099 ph: 312-662-4811	2746	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
D-5	28	Johnson Sauk Trail	R.R. No. 3, Kewanee, 61443 ph: 309-853-5589	857	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
F-5	29	Jubilee College*	R.R. No. 2, Box 72, Brimfield, 61517, ph: 309-243-7683	1528	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
E-9	30	Kankakee River	R.R. No. 1, Bourbonnais 60914 ph: 815-355-1393	2700	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
G-10	31	Kickapoo	R.R. No. 1, Oakwood, 61858 ph: 217-442-4915	1684	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
A-5	32	Lake Le-Aqua-Na	R.R. No. 2, Lena, 61048 ph: 815-369-4282	715	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
N-6	33	Lake Murphysboro	R.R. No. 4, Murphysboro, 62966 ph: 618-684-2867	904	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
K-4	34	Lewis and Clark	223 St. Louis Rd., Collinsville 62234 ph: 618-344-5688	168	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
I-9	35	Lincoln Log Cabin*	R.R. No. 2, Lerna, 62440 ph: 217-345-6489	86	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J-10	36	Lincoln Trail Homestead	R.R. No. 1, Marshall, 62441 ph: 217-826-2222	974	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
H-7	37	Lincoln Trail Homestead	R.R. No. 1, Box 126, Mt. Zion, 62549 ph: 217-864-3121	162	D	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
H-5	38	Lincoln's New Salem*	New Salem, 62659 ph: 217-632-7953	522	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
C-6	39	Lowden	R.R. No. 2, Oregon, 61061 ph: 815-732-6828	207	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
B-8	40	McHenry Dam & Lake Defiance	914 S. River Rd., McHenry, 60050 ph: 815-385-1624	94	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
D-7	41	Matthiessen	Box 381, Utica, 61373 ph: 815-883-8607	1531	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
B-4	42	Mississippi Palisades	Box 364, Savanna, 61074 ph: 815-273-2731	1716	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
C-5	43	Morrison- Rockwood	205 E. High, Morrison 61270 ph: 815-772-4708	1152	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
F-1	44	Nauvoo*	Box 337, Nauvoo, 62354 ph: 217-453-2512	148	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J-3	45	Pere Marquette	Box 325, Grafton, 62037 ph: 618-786-3785	8000	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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C-5	46	Prophetstown	205 E. High, Morrison ph: 815-772-4708	54	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
M-6	47	Pyramid	RFD No. 1, Box 115-A, Pinck- neyville, 62274 ph: 618-357-2574	2524	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	10	•	•	•	•	•	•	
H-6	48	Railsplitter	R.R. No. 3, Lincoln, 62656 ph: 217-735-2424	748		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
J-7	49	Ramsey Lake	Box 433, Ramsey, 62080 ph: 618-423-2215	1880	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	E	•	•	•	•	•	
K-9	50	Red Hills	R.R. No. 4, Sumner, 62466 ph: 618-936-2469	9218	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	E	•	•	•	•	•	
B-7	51	Rock Cut	R.R. No. 1, Box A-49, Caledonia 61011 ph: 815-885-3311	2400	A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	10	•	•	•	•	•	
J-9	52	Sam Parr	R.R. No. 5, Newton, 62448 ph: 618-783-2661	1063	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	10	•	•	•	•	•	
I-6	53	Sangchris Lake	R.R. No. 1, Rochester, 62563 ph: 217-637-9208	4200	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	10	•	•	•	•	
H-2	54	Siloam Springs	R.R. No. 1, Clayton, 62324 ph: 217-894-6205	3026	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	E	•	•	•	•	•	
D-8	55	Silver Springs	R.R. No. 1, Box 238, Yorkville, ph: 312-553-6297	1314	D	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
K-6	56	South Shore	1351 Ridge St., Carlyle, 62231 ph: 618-594-3015	850		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
H-7	57	Spittler Woods	P.O. Box 705, Spittler Park Drive, Mt. Zion, 62549, ph: 217-864-3121	202	D	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
D-7	58	Starved Rock	Box 116, Utica, 61373 ph: 815-667-4726	2366	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
K-7	59	Stephen A. Forbes	R.R. No. 1, Kimmundv., 62854 ph: 618-547-3381	3019	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
M-7	60	Wayne Fitzgerald	P.O. Box D, Benton, 62812 ph: 618-438-6781	3010	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
G-2	61	Weinberg-King	P.O. Box 203, Augusta, 62311 ph: 217-392-2345	772		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
H-7	62	Weldon Springs	R.R. No. 2, Clinton, 61727 ph: 217-935-2644	370	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	E	•	•	•	•	•	
C-6	63	White Pines Forest	R.R. No. 1, Mt Morris, 61054 ph: 815-946-3717	385	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
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